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SUB: VISIT OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

1. VUONG VAN BAC SOUTH VIETNAMESE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
CONCLUDED A THREE-DAY VISIT TO IVORY COAST
ON FRIDAY, DEC 20. WHEN APPROACHED BY THE EMBASSY, THE
SOUTH VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR TO IVORY COAST STATE THAT THE
TRIP WAS A GREAT SUCCESS, AND THAT RVN IS COMPLETELY
SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS OF THE TRIP.

2. PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET WAS TRAVELING ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT
IN NORTHERN IVORY COAST BUT TOOK TIME OUT FROM A BUSY SCHEDULE
TO CONFER WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER WHO FLEW UP FROM ABIDJAN
TO GREET THE PRESIDENT. MINISTER BAC ALSO MET WITH OTHER
IVORIAN MINISTERS AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER USHER HOSTED
A RECEPTION IN HIS HONOR AT USHER'S HOME.

3. CONSIDERING THE FACT THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS INVOLVED
IN A HIGHLY PUBLICIZED AND BUSY TRIP TO THE NORTH, AND THAT
HE IS CONCERNED INDIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATION
OF THE MALI-UPPER VOLTAN BORDER DISPUTE, HIS MEETING WITH MINISTER
BSK ONLY FURTHER EMPHASIZES IVORY COAST'S INTEREST IN
IVORIAN-SOUTH VIETNAMESE RELATIONS. NO JOINT COMMUNIQUE
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ISSUED BUT THE IVORIAN PRESS MORE THAN ADEQUATELY COVERED

THE VISIT.

4. AN ODD SIDELIGHT CAME TO MY ATTENTION FROM THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AMBASSADOR: INITIALLY, IVORIAN FOREIGN MINISTER USHER PLANNED NO CEREMONY, RECEPTION OR MEAL FOR MINISTER BAC. BAC

CALLED ON MINISTER OF STATE DENISE, HOWEVER, AND ASKED TO SEE PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET. DENISE MADE THE ARRANGEMENTS, BAC WENT NORTH TO SEE HOUPHOUET; AND ONLY AFTER THAT DID USHER ORGANIZE THE LUNCHEON. THE ROC AMBASSADOR IS OF OPINION THAT USHER IS TIRED, NOT VERY INTERESTED IN THE VIETNAM QUESTION AND THEREFORE ONLY REACTED AFTER HOUPHOUET DID. IN CHINESE AMBASSADOR'S VIEW THIS MAY INDICATE THAT USHER IS NOT EXPECTING TO REMAIN MUCH LONGER AS FOREIGN MINISTER.
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